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1. On 25 May 1952, the Neue Kaserne on Karl Marx Strasse, Parchim (H 54/T 74), was completely vacant, except for a guard in the guard-house. A total of 12 x 85-mm guns were unloaded from a train which came from Ludwigslust. They were hauled to the installation on that same day.

2. On 25 May, the Alte Kaserne on Karl Marx Strasse and the Staeddtisches Altersheim (municipal home for the aged) on Stalin Allee as well as the Neue Heimat settlement southeast of the Alter Friedhof (cemetery) were vacant except for individual soldiers.

3. On 21 May, the Alte Kaserne was occupied by about 15 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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4. On 21 May, only individual soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and one officer were seen engaged in loading potatoes at the Neue Kaserne. There was no training activity; nor were the windows lighted at dusk.

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5. On 21 May, about 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen engaged in gymnastics at the drill ground of the Neue Heimat settlement. Eight soldiers received training on a 76-mm AA gun. All windows of one building were lighted at dusk, while three others were lighted about 50 percent.

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the Neue Heimat settlement was probably occupied by an AAA unit on 21 May 1952. However, in early April 1952, the unidentified AAA unit previously stationed there moved to the airfield in Brand, and according to

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information from that airfield, the aforementioned unidentified AAA unit was confirmed at Brand airfield until late May 1952.

Further information is needed to determine whether the guns shipped to the Neue Kaserne on 25 May 1952 were connected with the troops seen in the Neue Heimat settlement.